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DR. H. S. TANNER, FAST MAN DIED YESTERDAY

MOST TALKED ABOUT AND ADVERTISED MAN IN 1880 ON ACCOUNT OF ABSTAINING ENTIRELY FROM FOOD FOR MORE THAN FORTY DAYS

DIED AT AGE OF EIGHTY SEVEN YEARS

(By Associated Press.)
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—Dr. Henry S. Tanner, the celebrated fast man of nearly forty years ago died here last night at the age of 87.

For several weeks in the summer of 1880, Dr. Henry S. Tanner was the most talked of man in America, if not in the world. This came about through his fast of forty days, conducted at New York, under the strict medical and scientific supervision, he being the first person of modern times to voluntarily undergo such ordeal.

Dr. Tanner first came into notice in 1877, at Minneapolis, Minn., through his determination to abstain from food as an expedient of relief from asthma, rheumatism and an ailment of the heart. A ten day period was fixed upon, that being then considered about the limit of human endurance. Finding himself benefitted from the first, according to the convention which he held to until the end of his life, he continued the fast for forty two days.

Owing to widespread doubt, especially in medical circles, as to the genuineness of Tanner's exploit, he offered to repeat the performance under any conditions which might be named. After long negotiations, it was arranged that the test should be made under the supervision of a prominent medical college of New York, and it commenced at noon, June 28, 1880.

Extraordinary precautions were taken against possible deception the subject being confined in a bare room and constantly watched. For fourteen days he was permitted neither water nor exercise. After that in response to public clamor, he was allowed a short daily ride in Central Park and water from a spring therein. Large wagers were posted for and against the proposition of his holding out for the forty days, the time fixed upon. The press devoted whole pages to the test, many of the larger newspapers keeping reporters constantly at the door of the room. Even in remote communities bulletins of Tanner's condition were eagerly awaited.

Tanner won the test, abstaining from food for an even forty days. Physicians in all parts of the world telegraphed warning as to the manner of his breaking the fast

GERMAN TO BE ELIMINATED IN SCHOOLS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 31.—A nationwide campaign is being conducted by the American Defense Society to eliminate the teaching of German in the schools throughout the United States. In a letter written the principals of public schools, private schools and colleges throughout the country the society urges that French, Latin, Spanish and Russian should be given prominence in the curriculum with a view to strengthening trade relations between these countries.

NEGRO TROOPS TO PARADE TOMORROW

(By Associated Press.)
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 31.—For the first time since the war between the States negroes in military uniform will parade through Kinston's streets Wednesday and they will get a reception far different from that accorded the darkies in bluecoats who in small numbers came into the town during the '60's. The Emancipation Day program here calls for a procession to be headed by discharged and furloughed men in khaki. More than 100 will be in line. They will carry, no arms, of course.

and it was freely predicted that he would not long survive the first food. The subject disregarded all advice, first partaking of a peach and then a large slice of watermelon. No ill effects followed.

Tanner was born in England February, 7, 1831. Previous to his first fast his health was so precarious that he anticipated an early death. Thirty-seven years later, at the age of 83, he announced that since the incidents mentioned his health had been invariably excellent.

AMERICAN COST DURING WAR 25 BILLIONS

Washington, Dec. 31.—The cost to the American people as a whole was about eighteen billions, one hundred and sixty millions, to run the War Government and make loans to the allies during the year ending today, according to computations from the Treasury reports. The December expenditures of more than two billions, makes a record in the nations history, and will send the aggregate war cost to date to approximately twenty four and a half billion.

HUN STRIKERS IN COAL FIELDS

Geneva, Dec. 31.—New disorders occurred in the rush in the valley of the coal fields in Westphalia, Germany. Armed strikers attacked the soldiers guarding two coal mines and both properties were damaged. The strikers were finally compelled to resume work.

LOESE DOESN'T WANT POSITION

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—Her. Loese, whose appointment to a place in the cabinet was announced yesterday, has informed the central council of Soldiers and workmen of Germany that he does not wish to enter the government according to a semi-official statement published in Berlin.

HINDENBURG FAVORS BRITISH OCCUPATION

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed to the German industrial magnates saying that he would support the British occupation of Berlin, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail.

GREAT LOSSES ITALIAN ARMY

Rome, Dec. 31.—The supreme command of the Italian army announces that the Italian losses on all fronts during the war totaled 460,000 dead, of which more than 66,000 were officers. The wounded totaled 947,000 with more than 33,000 officers. The number of men totally incapacitated by wounds and disease is estimated at half a million.

SOU. R. R. MAN, MEETS INJURY

Goldboro, Dec. 31.—Frank Clement, fireman on the Southern Railroad, had both legs severed from his body at the union station when his foot slipped just as he was trying to catch the Norfolk Southern passenger train which was backing out of the station bound for the yards. Clement is married and has several small children, and resides here.

THE GUN THAT BEAT THE HUN.



An American officer demonstrating the 1918 model of the Browning Machine Gun, the authorized machine gun of the U. S. Army. Three hundred and fifty continuous shots, with magazine changes requiring a pause of two and one half seconds between bursts of forty, may be fired from this gun before it becomes so hot that a stoppage is advisable for cooling purposes.

PRESIDENT WILSON RETURNS TO PARIS

LEAVING VICTORIA STATION, THIS MORNING WILL ARRIVE IN THE CITY OF PARIS THIS AFTERNOON AND PREPARE FOR THE ITALY TRIP

ACCOMPANIED TO DEPOT BY KING GEORGE

ALLIED FORCES ARE UNBEATEN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 31.—Favorable reports on the situation in the Archangel region of Russia, where some un-official accounts have pictured the north Russian and allied forces as facing destruction at the hands of the Bolsheviks. G. A. Martiusine, representative here of the Archangel government gives reports to the state department that the allied forces are far from beaten and are making satisfactory progress in the northern part of Russia against the Red Guards.

FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE ON KIEV

(By Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 31.—A volunteer army and a French force are marching from Rumania, through Bessarabia, toward Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to an Odessa report received here.

In ancient days, if a man who visited the tyrant Procrustes was too long for the "spare bed," Procrustes calmly had him cut down to fit it. It is fortunate for President Wilson that he goes a-visiting in modern times. When the state bed in the French palace where the president lodged proved too short for him they simply sent out and got another bed.

PEASANTS RISE SCARES LENINE

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 31.—The attitude of the peasants in Moscow has grown alarming to the Lenin government, according to a Petrograd correspondent to Le Petit Journal. Early in December, he reports the peasants revolted and it was a week before they were subdued. The Bolshevik red guards broke down the opposition with the utmost severity. The peasants were poorly armed and were forced to surrender in large numbers.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—President and Mrs. Wilson left Victoria station this morning on a special train enroute for Dover, where a government yacht will carry them across the British channel to Calais, another special train awaiting their arrival to take them to Paris. They expect to arrive in the French capital this afternoon.

King George and Queen Mary accompanied the presidential party to the station, the King and President occupying the first carriage, Queen Mary, Mrs. Wilson and Princess Mary following in the second landau, the suite following in three more carriages. Outriders were attached to each of the carriages and a guard of honor awaiting the cortege at the station. Sir Charles Cust, the King's equerry, accompanied the presidential party as far as Calais, as a special courtesy to America's chief executive.

Dover, Dec. 31.—President Wilson and party sailed from Dover for Calais at 11:20 this morning.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Plans for the departure of President Wilson for Rome on Wednesday night will not be affected by the crisis in the Italian cabinet.

The situation in Rome is said to be purely political and outside of President Wilson's visit to Italy.

London, Dec. 31.—King George has presented a magnificently bound and illuminated history of Windsor Castle to President Wilson as a birthday gift, according to the Daily Mail.

SHIPS TAKE AMERICAN SICK

Cape Cod, Dec. 31.—The American ships which arrived here yesterday will leave today for Germany on the Baltic where they will take on board all the sick Americans.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	23.00	23.58	23.00	23.58
March	27.00	28.28	27.00	28.28
May	26.00	27.17	26.00	27.17
July	25.57	26.40	25.57	26.40
October	23.60	23.90	23.60	23.90

Local market 28 cents

News Letter From The State Capitol

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—With the assembling here on Wednesday of next week of the Legislative of 1919, the beginning of a most interesting session will be launched. All the little side talk about adjoining to meet later in the year is the busiest tommy rot and don't amount to the value of a row of pins—there will be no "adjournment" until the 60 days period expires, and there's lots of work to be done.

In all my newspaper experience I have never heard of so many "willing barksies" as are turning up openly in the game as at present. There are a half dozen eligibles already in the field. Cam Morrison, Max Gardner and Bob Page being in the already announced class, with three other possible rivals in the new field—these being J. Y. Joyner, Col. Albert Cox, and legislator Rufus Doughton, and either of

them would make a good governor, all of them are fine and able gentlemen. Morrison is probably the best looker with his beautiful gray hair and intellectual face. Cox is a dashing young officer and the state never had a more servicable and capable officer than Superintendent Joyner who is retired from the head of the state's department of education on January 1st.

Max Gardner is a popular hunter. Speaking of Morrison's looks he has a string "president" to learn back on. Brummitt for Speaker. Visitors to Raleigh and the local politicians and pretty well agreed that Representative Brummitt of Greenville will have a walk over for the speakership. Indeed, today it is stated that his name may be the only one voted

on. New Candidate for Marshall. Ex-Senator Thorne, of Rocky Mount, having withdrawn from the race a new candidate for U. S. Marshal bobs up today in the person of Frank Hampton of the same town, but at present a clerk to Senator Simmons. This entry brings the list up to 6 or 7 active candidates. State hairman T. D. Warren, it is believed could get the job if he wanted it, but he is

understood to want it. Col. H. B. Stubbs, couldn't be induced to break his program, which schemes him to run as mate to Max Gardner in the gubernatorial race by taking (if he could have "it") it. As the New Year is dying just now we will refresh ourselves by waiting till the new baby arrives. Many activities ceased; so did the war, but the Red Cross didn't